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County court meets for civil, criminal and probate business on the first Mondays in March, June, September and December.

CITY OFFICERS.

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Treasurer... Geo. M. Putegnat
Secretary... Frank Champion
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Surveyor... S. W. Brooks
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U. S. DISTRICT COURT.

The following are the officers of and the times and places of holding court for the Western District of Texas:

U. S. District Judge... T. S. Maxey
Attorney... Henry Terrell
Clerk... D. H. Hart
Marshal... Geo. L. Siebrecht
Court convenes in San Antonio on the first Mondays in May and November
In Austin on the first Mondays in February and July.

In Brownsville on the first Monday in January and second Monday in June.
In El Paso on the first Mondays in April and October.

Cameron County: First Monday in February, and First Monday in September, and may continue in session four weeks.

Hidalgo County: Fourth Monday after the First Monday in February and September, and may continue in session two weeks.

Starr County: Sixth Monday after the First Monday in February and September, and may continue in session two weeks.

Duval County: Eighth Monday after the First Monday in February and September, and may continue in session two weeks.

Nueces County: Tenth Monday after the First Monday in February and may continue in session eight weeks and "tenth Monday after First Monday in September and may continue in session four weeks.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE.
P. Merrill Griffith... Consul

CORPUS CHRISTI AND BROWNSVILLE ROAD.

Proposition Submitted By Northern Capitalists of Reliable Standing.

Corpus Christi Eagle.

Early in the fall The Eagle published a letter from J. J. Sparrow in which he stated that Detroit and Canadian capitalists would build a railroad from Corpus Christi to Brownsville provided right of way were given. The matter was taken up by leading citizens of Corpus Christi and further correspondence resulted with Mr. Sparrow, after which a committee on the part of these citizens entered into correspondence direct with the Guaranty Bond Company, of Detroit, Michigan of which A. Ross McInnes is Vice President and Treasurer. As a result of this correspondence and the subsequent sending of Capt. G. T. Tindall to Detroit to investigate the financial responsibility of the company and to consult with them in person, the Guaranty Bond Company, through its Vice President and Treasurer, A. Ross McInnes, submitted the following business proposition:

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 4, 1901.
Capt. G. T. Tindall,
Corpus Christi, Texas.

Dear Sir:

After examination of the proposed road, and if such examination warrants, we will arrange guaranty for sufficient bonds to construct and equip the line between Brownsville and Corpus Christi, Texas, and will be pleased to take the matter up with you at once.

Regarding the report of examination of the 160 miles of steam road to be between Brownsville and Corpus Christi, Texas, would say, that we will, in conjunction with the Guaranty Bond Company and the International Construction Company, make same for \$800, and if examination warrants we will arrange guaranty for sufficient bonds to construct and equip the line. We will be pleased to hear from you as soon as possible after your arrival in Texas as it will be necessary for us to make this inspection at once.

Regarding the issue of the bonds on the Brownsville, Corpus Christi and Gulf Railroad, said road to be between Brownsville and Corpus Christi, Texas, would say that we will take the whole bond issue and place it for you in New York. We have got a large market for this kind of bond and after we see the report of the engineer regarding same we can give you the exact figures and at what price they will net you.

I trust that you will be able to explain the matter exactly as I have represented it to you regarding the bonding of the Brownsville Corpus Christi and Gulf Railroad, and I also trust that you will be able to explain why it is necessary for us to have this inspection before we can do anything in the matter. From the conversation that I had with you and also with Mr. Sparrow regarding the country and its advantages, I feel sure that the inspection by the engineer will be in your favor and I do not anticipate any trouble at all in

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securing for you the bond issue as stated.

This bond issue requires very little money from your end of the line. You have simply to pay for the trust deed, the printing of the bonds and the Trust Company's fee, which is 75c per bond.

I would like on your arrival in Texas that you lose no time in bringing this matter before your people as it will take some little time to get my engineer from New York. I trust our proposition will be quite plain to the people. On the receipt of \$800 we will put ourselves in communication with the engineer and be able to leave here within five or six days after receipt of notice. It is my intention to go with the engineer myself and have a look over the country with the idea of investing in the same.

Any questions or any information that you may require I will be pleased to give you at all times.

I am, Yours very truly,
GUARANTY BOND COMPANY,
per A. ROSS MCINNES,

V. P. & Treasurer.

Upon returning home from Detroit, Capt. Tindall submitted in full the written propositions made by the Guaranty Bond Company through Mr. McInnes for the building of the proposed road, and it now remains for the people of Corpus Christi and Brownsville to take such action as they may see fit in the matter. Of the standing of the Guaranty Bond Company, Capt. Tindall says that his inquiries at the leading banks in Detroit were all answered by the assurance that it was one of the strongest firms in that city and the volume of business transacted by it in the floating of bonds and the construction of railroads and other enterprises requiring immense capital was something enormous. Of A. Ross McInnes, the leading member of the firm, the Detroit News-Tribune, of Dec. 15, 1901, says:

"A. Ross McInnes, charter member of the Detroit stock exchange, is secretary and treasurer of the Ontario & Colorado Gold & Copper Mining Co., 725-726 Chamber of Commerce building. This company has valuable copper properties in the Parry Sound district, Ontario; several claims in Boulder county, Colorado, and on Ready Bullion Creek in the Klondike. Mr. McInnes is a charter member of the Toronto Mining Exchange, and is a member of the Toronto Board of Trade, Vice President and Treasurer of the Guaranty Bond Co., of Detroit, of which

Elliot G. Stevenson is a director. He is interested in the proposed Brownsville, Corpus Christi & Gulf Railroad and will be a director in the company. This road will be 160 miles long connecting with a new road being built from the City of Mexico to Matamoros, opposite Brownsville, Texas. Through his connection with the Bond Company Mr. McInnes has been instrumental in launching a number of industrial enterprises, and has secured the money with which to build several railroads. Mr. McInnes is a hustler and one of the busiest men the city."

Indeed, so overwhelming is the testimony in favor of the financial standing of the Company that it looks like foolishness for us to be quibbling over a matter so easily settled, in the face of the simple business propositions they submit. Since these propositions were submitted, Capt. Tindall has received the following letter from Mr. McInnes:

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 23, 1901;
Mr. G. T. Tindall, Corpus Christi Tex.

Dear Sir—I received Mr. C. C. Heath's letter and I notice your O. K. on same. I trust that by this time you have gotten matters in good shape, and that you will be able to send for myself and engineer by Jan. 2nd. I have also had a letter from Mr. Sparrow, but there was nothing of any account in it regarding the road. Now I hope that you will not delay later than January 2nd, as if you do, it will be impossible for me to do this matter up with you for at least three weeks, as our engineers are all so busy, or at least those whom we want to take with us. The International Construction Company will also send a man with me, to go over the road with us, but this man will be at their own expense. Kindly let me hear from you at once on this matter.

Yours very truly,
A. R. MCINNES.

IN THE DEER COUNTRY.

"Been hunting today?"
"Yes," said the amateur, with the wild, apprehensive look to his eye.
"Have you shot anything?"
"I don't know yet. I'm waiting for the rest of the party to get into camp, so that we can call the roll."
—Washington Star.

CARNEGIE'S GIFT.

Washington, D. C.—Carnegie has informed the President that he will make his gift of \$10,000,000 in such form that he and Congress can accept it.